

## SOCIALISTIC FAITH IS REFUSED BY MINERS

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 18.—The United Mine Workers, in convention here, turned down the socialistic attempt to baptize the entire mine workers into the Socialistic faith. A resolution committing the organization to the Socialists was defeated by a vote of 515 to 155, but instead of a proposition that the miners enter politics, but not naming a specific channel, was passed.

The constitution of the mine workers prohibits action favoring any distinct party. As adopted, the document merely advocates independent political action by the workers.

Alleged opposition of the political and judicial powers to the cause of labor is spoken of in the political resolution, and it is declared that the time has come when it is both just and necessary for labor to enter the political as well as the industrial field in its battle for larger rights.

Animus toward President Gompers and the A. F. of L., dropped out notwithstanding the defeat of the proposal to secede from the central organization. This was indicated in opposition to the crafts system of organization in the federation, which crystallized in the passage of a resolution instructing the miner delegates to the next federation convention to use their influence to have the complete industrial form of organization supersede the former form.

Bitter feeling against the Na-

tional Civic Federation came to the surface in the order that telegrams be sent to Congressman W. B. Wilson of Pennsylvania and John Mitchell, former miners' president, asking that they come to Indianapolis and explain to the convention their lack of opposition to the civic federation on the 1911 convention of the American Federation of Labor.

Both spoke in favor of the civic body, though they voted to condemn it, in accordance with the miners' instructions. The two other federation delegates from the miners, Vice President Hayes, and John Walker, president of the Illinois miners are here, and will also explain their attitude. They are opposed to the civic federation.

The wage scale committee, composed of the 24 district presidents, with John Walker of Illinois as chairman, held its first meeting today. No report will be made until all other important business is out of the way, as it is expected to take up considerable time.

News from the meeting of the coal operators of Indiana, Ohio, West Virginia and Pennsylvania, at Pittsburg, was eagerly awaited by the miners. Ohio and Pennsylvania operators have not yet consented to a point wage conference with representatives of the miners, following the close of the convention here.

In response to the appeal of Miss Catherine Finnegan, seconded by John Walker, the convention voted \$500 to aid the